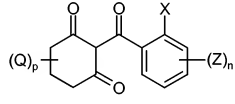
Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claim 1 and cancel claim 16 as indicated in the listing below without prejudice to the subject matter involved. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A method for the season-long control of unwanted vegetation, said method comprising a single application of a herbicidal combination comprising a 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione or metal chelate thereof, glyphosate or a salt thereof and an acetamide.

2. (Original): A method according to claim 1 wherein the 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione is a compound of formula (I)



(I)

wherein X represents a halogen atom; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl or alkoxy group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more groups –OR^1 or one or more halogen atoms; or a group selected from nitro, cyano, -CO_2R^2, -$S(O)_mR^1$, -$O(CH_2)_rOR^1$, -COR^2, -NR^2R^3, -$SO_2NR^2R^3$, -$CONR^2R^3$, -$CSNR^2R^3$ and –OSO_2R^4;

R^1 represents a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^2 and R^3 each independently represents a hydrogen atom; or a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^4 represents a straight-or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; or a cycloalkyl group containing from three to six carbon atoms;

each Z independently represents halo, nitro, cyano, $S(O)_mR^5$, $OS(O)_mR^5$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, carboxy, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylamino having independently the stated number of carbon atoms in each alkyl group, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonylamino, C_{1-6} alkylaminocarbonylamino, C_{1-6} dialkylaminocarbonylamino having independently the stated number of carbon atoms in each alkyl group, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylaminocarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} dialkylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonyl, substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyloxy, substituted phenylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonylamino, substituted phenylcarbonylamino, phenoxy or substituted phenoxy;
R^5 represents a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms;
each Q independently represents C_{1-4} alkyl or $-CO_2R^6$ wherein R^6 is C_{1-4} alkyl;
m is zero, one or two;
n is zero or an integer from one to four;
r is one, two or three; and
p is zero or an integer from one to six

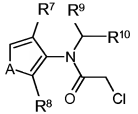
and any agriculturally acceptable metal chelate thereof formula (II).

3. (Original): A method according to claim 2, wherein X is chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4 alkyl, $-CF_3$, $-S(O)_mR^1$, or $-OR^1$; each Z is independently chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4 alkyl, $-CF_3$, $-OR^1$, $-OS(O)_mR^5$ or $-S(O)_mR^5$; n is one or two; and p is zero, one or two.

4. (Original): A method according to claim 3, wherein the 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonyloxybenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-chloro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-methanesulphonyl-2-nitrobenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-methanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione and 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-ethanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione.

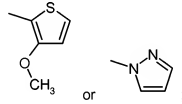
5. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein the acetamide is a chloroacetamide or an oxyacetamide.

6. (Original): A method according to claim 5, wherein the chloroacetamide is a compound of formula (II)



(II)

wherein R^7 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; R^9 is hydrogen or methyl; R^{10} is methyl, $-OCH_3$, $-CH_2OCH_3$, $-OCH_2CH_3$, $-CH_2OCH_2CH_2CH_3$, $-OCH(CH_3)_2$, $-OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ or a group



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and A is S or CH=CH.

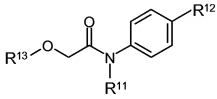
7. (Original): A method according to claim 6, wherein A is CH=CH; R^7 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; R^9 is hydrogen or methyl; R^{10} is methyl, $-OCH_3$, $-CH_2OCH_3$, $-OCH_2CH_3$, $-CH_2OCH_2CH_2CH_3$, $-OCH(CH_3)_2$, or $-OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$.

8. (Original): A method according to claim 7, wherein the chloroacetamide is selected from the group consisting of metolachlor, acetochlor and alachlor.

9. (Original): A method according to claim 8, wherein the chloroacetamide is s-metolachlor.

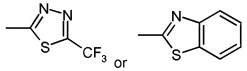
10. (Original): A method according to claim 6, wherein A is S; R^7, R^8 and R^9 are methyl; and R^{10} is methoxymethyl.

11. (Original): A method according to claim 5, wherein the oxyacetamide is a compound of formula (III)



(III)

wherein R^{11} is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl or isopropyl; R^{12} is hydrogen or halo; and R^{13} is a group



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12. (Original): A method according to claim 11, wherein R^{11} is methyl or isopropyl; R^{12} is hydrogen or fluoro.

13. (Original): A method according to claim 12, wherein the oxyacetamide is flufenacet or mefanacet.

14. (Original): A method according to claim 13, wherein the oxyacetamide is flufenacet.

15. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the combination further comprises one or more additional active ingredients.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising a 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione or metal chelate thereof, glyphosate or a salt thereof and an acetamide, provided that (i) when the 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione is mesotrione, then the acetamide is not metolachlor, acetochlor, alachlor or dimethenamide, and (ii) when the acetamide is dimethenamide, then the 2-(substituted benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione is not 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione or 2-(4-methylsulfonyloxy-2-nitrobenzoyl)-4,4,6,6-tetramethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione.